

The duties of the Senior Inspector of Schools.

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80. (a) In addition to the duties of the Senior Inspector of Schools in the State, do not all the offices of (1) the Secretary to the Malayalam Improvement Committee, (2) the President of the Text-Book Committee and (3) the President of the Board of Studies, devolve upon one and the same man who is the present incumbent of that office?

(b) Should not the Senior Inspector of Schools be a full-timed officer and are not the other duties too much for him? Are there complaints by reason of saddling him with all these offices and if so what are the complaints and what all actions were taken regarding the same?

Mr. C. MATTHAI.

(a) The answer is in the affirmative.

(b) The Senior Inspector of Schools is a full-timed officer and Government do not consider the duties imposed on him are too much. There were no such complaints.

Promotion to teachers in aided Schools.

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81. Is not service taken into consideration in giving promotions to teachers in the aided schools? Has not the Director of Public Instruction ample powers to order rectification of the wrongs, if any, so done? Has he, during the years of his regime as Director, examined the staff-lists of such institutions and satisfied himself that no irregularity exists? How many such irregularities, if any, has he set right, and in which all institutions?

Mr. C. MATTHAI.

The staff-lists of all the aided institutions have to be approved by the Director every year in accordance with Article 78, C. E. C., and in approving such lists, service, qualification, etc., are taken into consideration and the Director has power to rectify wrongs, if any. Irregularities as they come up are dealt with by the Director. The preparation of an exhaustive list of the kind will take an amount of time which the department can ill afford to spare.

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May I know, Sir, at least the number of irregularities that were set right?